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UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231 WWW.USPTO.GOV

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In re Application of

John Stephen Cart

Serial No.: 09/870,871

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: COMPOSITION OF DRILLING FLUIDS

COMPRISING GROUND ELASTOMERIC

CRUMB RUBBER MATERIAL AND A METHOD:

OF DECREASING SEEPAGE AND WHOLE MUD:

LOSS USING SUCH COMPOSITION

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102 – V &

VI – ENERGY

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 19, 2001, requesting that the above identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and M.P.E.P 708.02 VI.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above noted sections. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The petition is GRANTED.

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